

Garwood, Bert R 73

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CONFIDENTIAL RECORD SHEET

REGISTRATION AND MEMBERSHIP

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

DATE 8/3/73

FULL NAME Bert R. Greenwood  
(No initials if you can possibly get full name)

ADDRESS RR 2

CITY Souris STATE N. D. ZIP CODE 58783

AGE 21 - born March 1952 (This is important and should be exact)

APPROXIMATE AGE \_\_\_\_\_ (To be used ONLY when exact age is not known)

RELIGION Lutheran NATIONALITY Norwegian

OCCUPATION Student

EDUCATION Student at University of North Dakota - Grand Forks N.D.

WEIGHT 165 COLOR white HEIGHT 5' 7 1/2"

COLOR OF HAIR blond COLOR OF EYES blue

OUTSTANDING CHARACTERISTICS OR INTERESTS interest in nature and forestry

MARRIED OR SINGLE single CHILDREN none  
(Number, ages, and names, if possible)

WIFE'S NAME none

SCOUTING CONNECTIONS:

UNIT #	CITY	STATE	OFFICE	DATE REGISTERED	DATE RESIGNED
TRF 526	Souris	N.D.	Assistant Scoutmaster	March 1970	March 71
SPECIAL RECOGNITION <u>Cadette Scoutmaster Reserve Grand Forks N.D. March 71 - May 73</u>					

RECOMMENDED FOR CONFIDENTIAL FILE FOR FOLLOWING REASONS:

Arrested for molesting boys - committed to Jamestown Mental Hospital in Jamestown N.D.

Signed [Signature]  
SCOUT EXECUTIVE  
Council GRAND FORKS #431

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October 24, 1973

Mr. Anthony G. Booth  
Debut Executive  
Great Plains Area Council, No. 431

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL  
RE: Dennis Page and  
Bert Garwood

Dear Tony:

Thank you for the correspondences, concerning Mr. Dennis Page  
and Mr. Bert Garwood. We have placed this informations in our  
file. This is exactly the type of material we require for  
our Confidential File and we appreciate your efforts in  
getting it for us.

Sincerely,

Paul I. Ernst, Executive  
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October 11, 1973

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Mr. Bud Olson  
 Boy Scouts of America  
 Bottineau, North Dakota  
 58318

Dear Sir:

In reference to our conversation at this office in regards to the file, from our office involving Bert Garwood. Bert was a counsler at the Boy Scout Camp Lake Metigoshe, North Dakota, at the present time of this report May 21, 1973 and had been for the past several years.

This office recieved several calls regarding membership cards and post cars, being issued and sent to a number of young boys ages 12 to 14 years old. The boys are Boy Scouts or involved with Scouting and had attended Scout Camp at Lake Metigoshe in the past and were planning to attend this summer.

As a result of an investigation made by myself, I met with 6 young boys along with their parents in the City of Westhope on May 27, 1973. The boys stated they had all recieved membership cards, through the Great Garwood Club. They also recieved Postcars dated May 25, 1973, Souris, North Dakota. I am enclosing photostatic copy of the post card of both sides, as well as picture of Mr. Garwood, only the one side of the back side is blank. membership card

Talking with the boys and parents and hearing the alligations made against Bert Garwood, I felt that Bert as a Counsler and leader of our young boys at a cmp could result in a serious situation for our young people.

The names of the boys and parents involved with this investigation will not be mentioned.

Alligations made, involved activities at the Boy Scout Camp, thepast several years. Just to mention a few of them, one was, he at times tried to, or ask, some of the boys to go into the bush with him and take part in

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a unusal sexual behavior. Another was exposing himself and playing with himself many, many times.

The past week, Bert had been picking up the boys, at their homes or off the streets and taking them for a ride in his car. At times would change drivers, letting one of them drive the vehicle, if they would not tell anyone what was going on. Bert had a tape recorder in his car and while some one else was driving he would cut a tape, the opening statement would be, (I do not recall the excat words, but didn't make sense, as far as I was concerned), but he was suppose to turn this tape over to some superior of his. Also would use the tape while driving and while taping would drive in a very reckless manner, apparently trying to frighten the boys in the car. He would change drivers again and would then be in the back seat with some of the boys, and attempting to play with them or playing with himself. At one time he had one of the boys with his hands around his throat attempting to either choke him, or scare him.

At this point, early in the morning of May 27, 1973, (3:30) a.m., I left the boys and parents and went directly to the Garwood farm, where I met with Bert, and his Mother and Father. I approached them with some of the information I had. Bert denied some and admitted some. He denied especially the part which I consider, very, very, dangerous, the alligation of choking. However he did say, he told the boy he was going to choke him just to scare him. Talking to his parents, they told me he was enrolled in ROTC at the University and he was a Junior there. They stated he had been seeing a psychiatrist and they would take immdiate steps for counseling with his psychatrist. A follow up by this office found this had been done, as I did check with his psychatrist.

For this reason, I called Mr. Don Martin whom I am acquainted with and knew he is a leader in Boy Scouts. I suggested to Mr. Martin that Bert as a leader of the Scouts, should be severed at this time. Until Bud Olson came to my office in September, this office was unaware of any action the Scouts had taken.

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I feel now, that Bert Garwood and his involvement which appears to be boys under 15 years of age and that Scout activities with the Scouts could result in a dangerous or even a criminal act, if allowed to continue, camping and taking part with our young people in the open spaces.

We have a file on this, at our office it it can be of any further assistance to you.

Yours very truly

Bottineau, North Dakota

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August 8, 1973

Mr. Anthony C. Broth  
Scout Executive  
Great Plains Area Council, No. 431

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL  
Re: Bert Garwood  
Dennis Page

Dear Tony:

Thank you for the confidential record sheets concerning the above men. We have added this information to our file.

Also, as indicated in our letter of July 27, we would appreciate more substantial material such as a written detailed letter from someone directly involved with these men and a copy of the police record. This information would be most important for future reference purposes and it would certainly strengthen our position of refusing to accept any future applications and of placing these men on our file.

Your attention to this matter will be appreciated.

Sincerely,

Paul I. Ernst, Executive  
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July 11, 1977

Mr. Anthony C. Smith  
Scout Executive  
1000 Main Street, No. 431

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Scoutmaster, Troop 526  
Committee, Troop 453

Dear Sir:

Thank you for your letter of July 11th, concerning the Barwood and  
the area. We have checked the information in our file and have  
checked to be sure it was deleted from our records.

Our records should indicate that the disposition was of  
the record. This information would be most important for future  
reference and it would certainly give us a good indication  
of the status of any future application for this nation we  
might receive from these individuals.

Enclosed are the confidential record sheets. We would appreciate  
your completing and returning to us as soon as possible. This information  
will enable us to identify these individuals should they ever again  
attempt to register in the Scouting program.

Sincerely,

Paul F. Ernsel, Executive  
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Encl: record sheets

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# Boy Scouts of America

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MINOT, NORTH DAKOTA  
58701

July 18, 1973


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Mr. Paul Ernst, Executive  
Registration & Subscription  
Boy Scouts of America  
North Brunswick, New Jersey 08902

Dear Paul:

There are two items that need to come to your attention.

1. The Local Council Representative for our council, Mr. Jack Coughlin, recently passed away and his name needs to be deleted from the mailing list and the council records. We will elect a new representative shortly.
2. We have recently come across two Scouters who have committed offenses for which they are now considered undesirable as leaders in the Boy Scouts of America. We need to initiate procedures to have their names removed from membership records and see that they will not be reregistered elsewhere. They are Bert Garwood, currently registered as assistant Scoutmaster in Troop 526, Souris, ND, and Dennis Page, currently registered as a troop committeeman in Troop 458, Surrey, ND.

Sincerely,

  
Tony Booth  
Scout Executive

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